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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

[REDACTED]
Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: Civilian Space Policy Review Group

1. [REDACTED] Attached for your review is a copy of a draft paper entitled "A Review of Satellite Reconnaissance Security Alternatives" which was prepared by a Working Group of the Civilian Space Policy Review Group in response to a requirement to review the implications of declassifying the "fact of" photographic satellite reconnaissance.

2. [REDACTED] Participants in preparation of the paper were Gus Weiss, Chairman, from Admiral Murphy's office in OSD, David Williamson of NASA, Lt. Col. James Welch of Air Force, Stephen Bond from the State Department and [REDACTED] of the Community Security Group. Major credit for the writing effort belongs to Mr. Williamson and Lt. Col. Welch.

3. [REDACTED] I think you will agree that this paper represents a significant effort for a task that had a ten day deadline for submission to the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President. It does not pretend to answer all questions that surround the issue, but hopes to draw to the attention of the policy maker a skeletal outline of problems and steps that must be faced should a decision be made to proceed with the declassification action.

4. [REDACTED] It represents the DCI's position and desire to see "how" we can declassify "fact of" rather than "why we shouldn't".

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